

From the American Community Survey: 1999

Population and Housing Profile: Starr - Zapata, Texas

NOTES: The population estimates in this profile are for people living in households and group quarters.

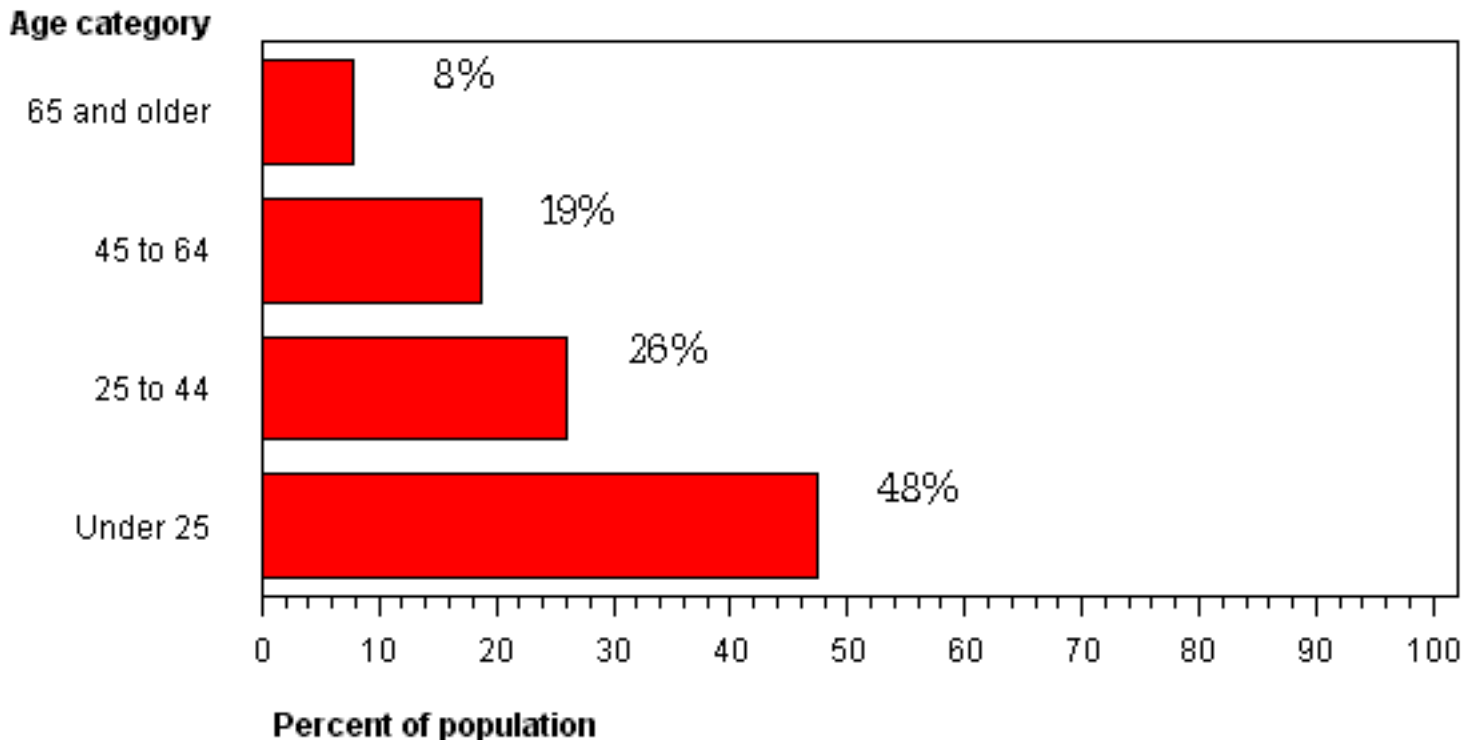
In the narrative profile below, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the Profiles found at www.census.gov/acs/www/index_c.htm, this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the Accuracy of the Data documents at www.census.gov/acs/www/index_b.htm.

Caution should be used when comparing data by race from previous years with those for 1999 due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. For the 1999 data, respondents may report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, some other race, and two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

These data are preliminary and should not be used for official purposes.

POPULATION OF Starr - Zapata: In 1999, Starr - Zapata had a population of 68,013. The median age was 27.5 years. Thirty-eight percent were under 18 years and 8 percent were 65 or older. There were 51 percent women and 49 percent men.

The Age Distribution of People in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



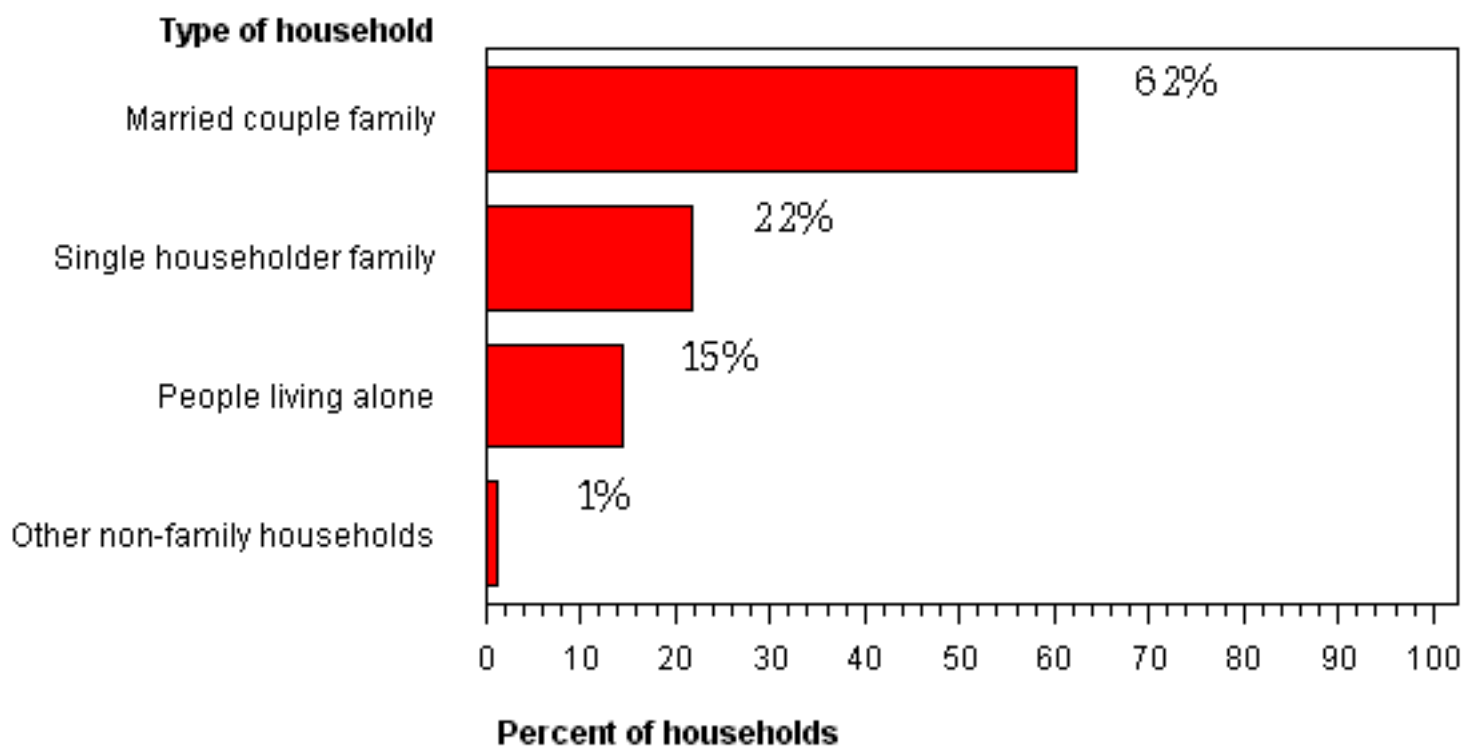
Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

For people reporting one race, 4 percent of the people in Starr - Zapata were White, not of Hispanic origin; less than 0.5 percent were Black or African American, less than 0.5 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native, less than 0.5 percent were Asian, and less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. One percent reported two or more races. Ninety-six percent of the people of Starr - Zapata were of Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 1999 there were 18,861 households in Starr - Zapata. The average household size was 3.54 people.

Families made up 84 percent of the households in Starr - Zapata that year. This figure includes both married couple families (62 percent) and other families with no spouse present (22 percent). Non-family households made up 16 percent of all households in Starr - Zapata. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were people living in households maintained by non-relatives.

The Types of Households in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



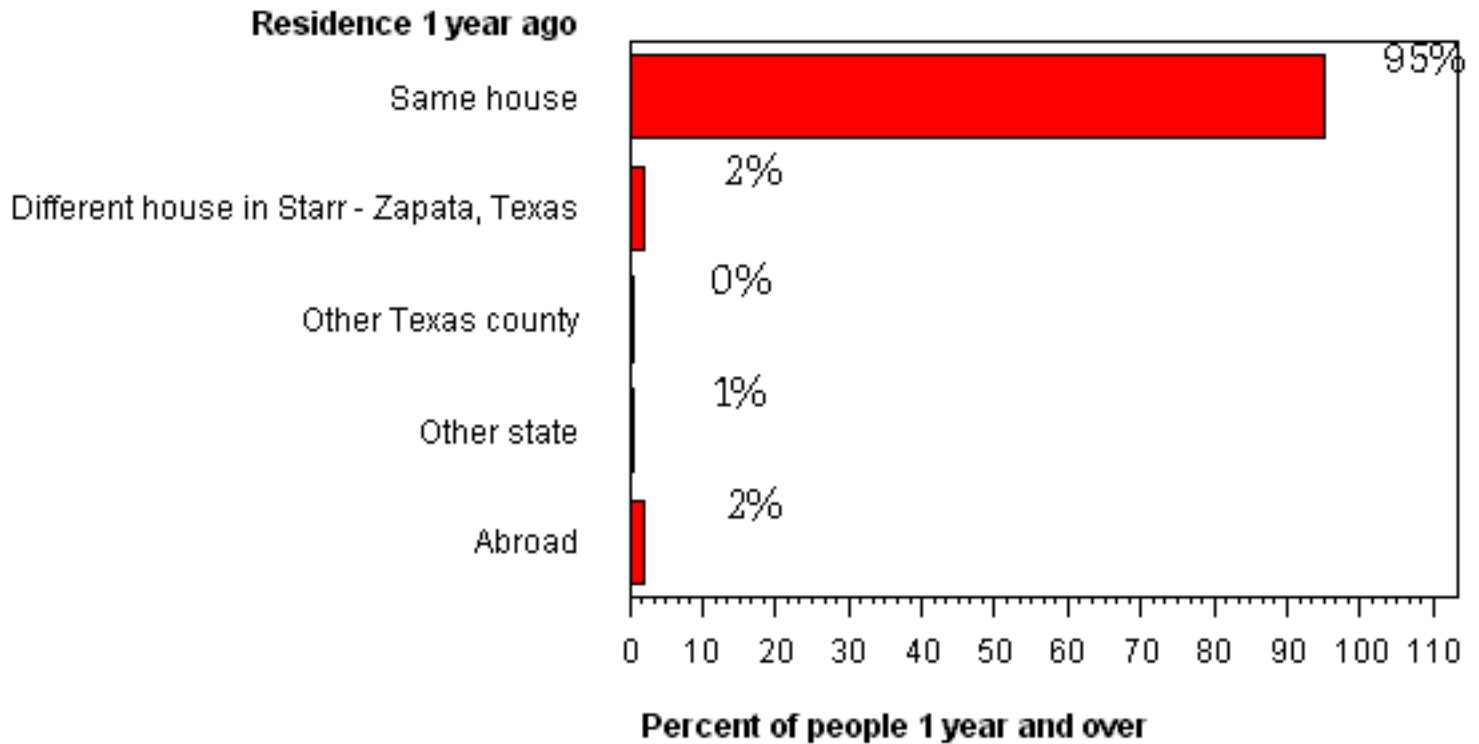
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NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Thirty-four percent of the people living in Starr - Zapata in 1999 were foreign born. Sixty-six percent were native born, including 59 percent who were born in the State of Texas.

Among people at least five years old living in Starr - Zapata in 1999, 56,942 spoke a language other than English at home. Of this group, 100 percent spoke Spanish, and less than 0.5 percent spoke some other language; 51 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well".

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 1999, 95 percent of the people one year or older living in Starr - Zapata were living in the same house one year earlier; 2 percent had moved during the past year from another house in the same county, less than 0.5 percent from another Texas county, 1 percent from another state, and 2 percent from abroad.

Geographic Mobility of Residents of Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999

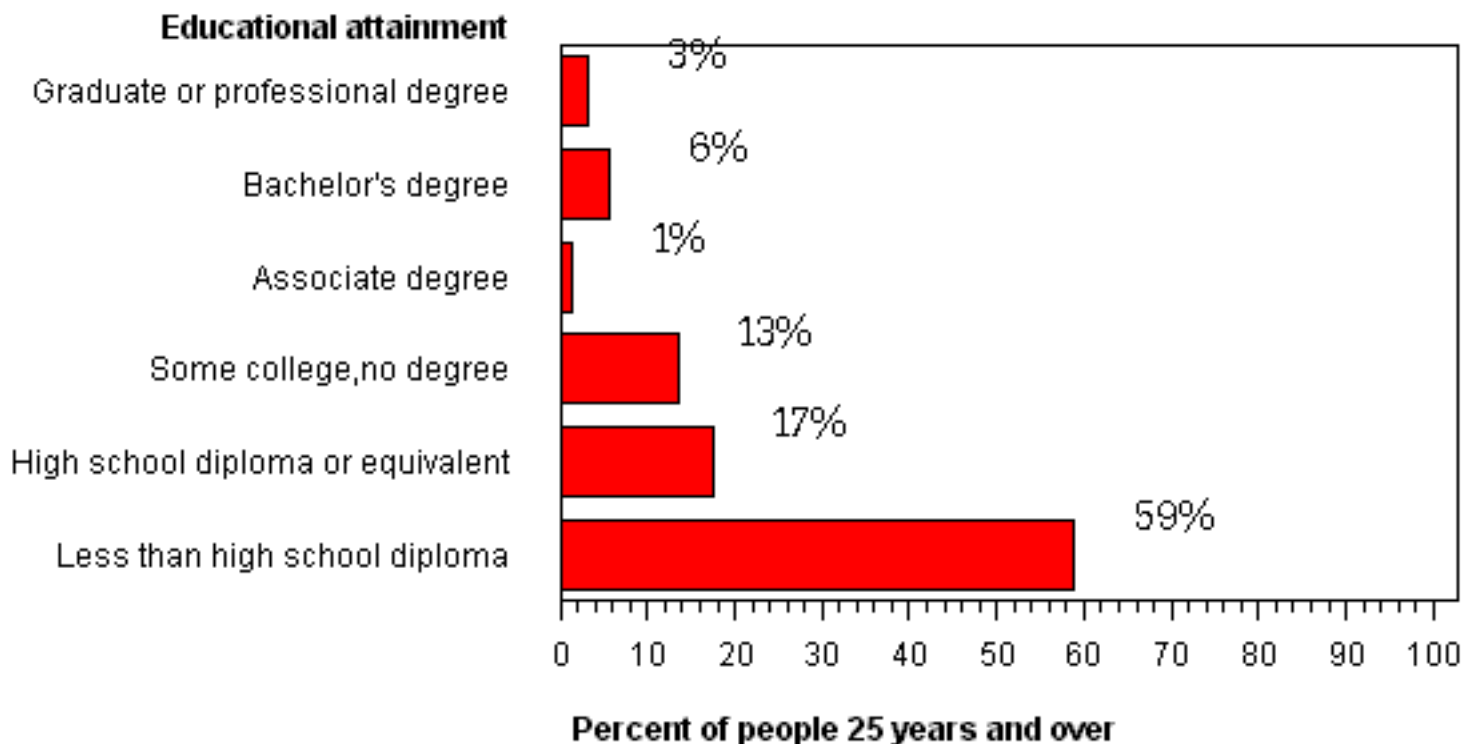


Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

EDUCATION: In 1999, 41 percent of people at least 25 years old had at least graduated from high school and 9 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 12 percent were dropouts: They were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Starr - Zapata was 22,509 in 1999. Preprimary school enrollment was 2,618 and 17,315 children were enrolled in elementary or high school. College enrollment was 2,576.

The Educational Attainment of People in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



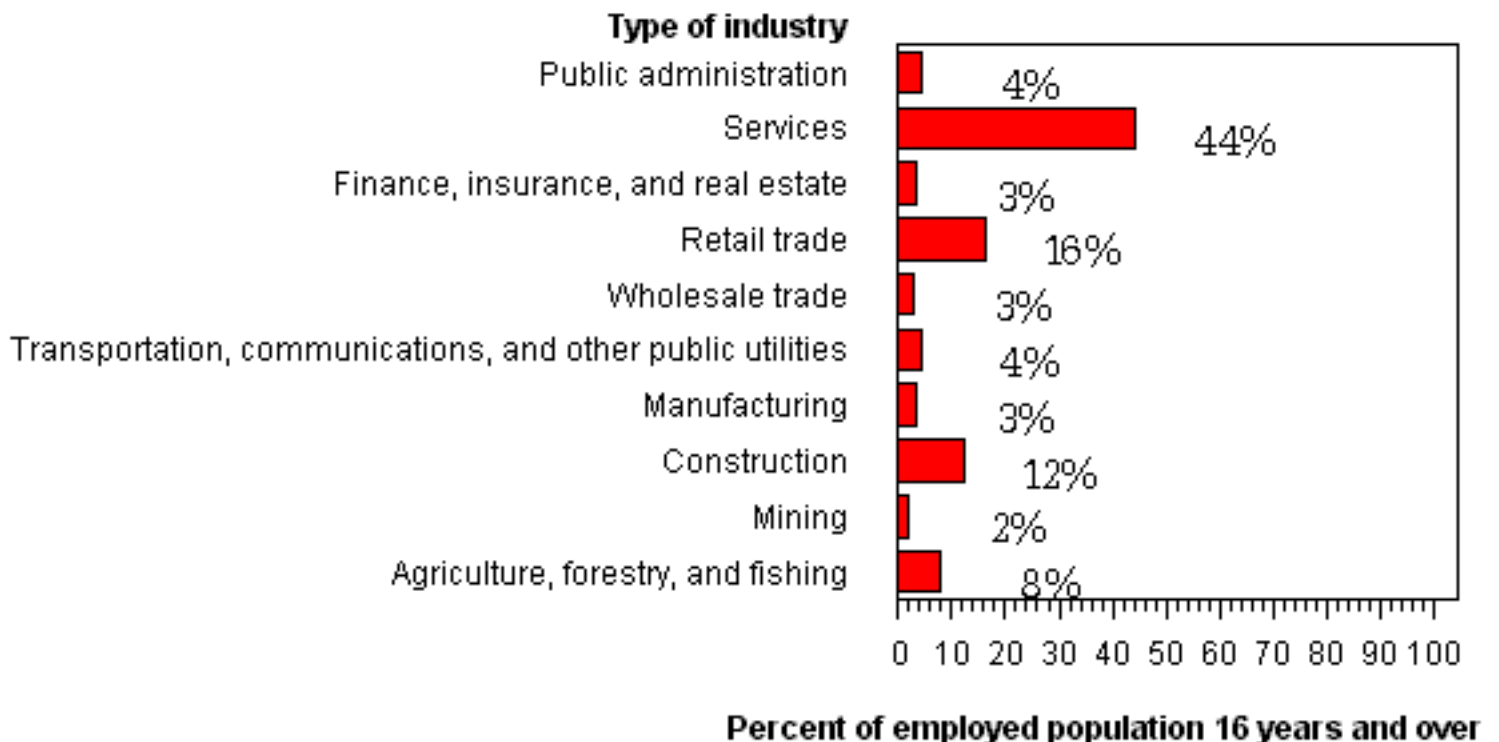
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DISABILITY: In Starr - Zapata, among people at least five years old in 1999, 19 percent had a disability. The likelihood of having one or more functional limitations varied by age - from 3 percent of people 5 to 20 years old, to 22 percent of people 21 to 64 years old, to 63 percent of those 65 and older.

INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: In 1999, for the employed population 16 and older, the leading industries in Starr - Zapata were Services, 44 percent, and Retail trade, 16 percent.

Among the most common occupations were: Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 22 percent; Managerial and professional specialty occupations, 19 percent; Operators, fabricators, and laborers, 13 percent; and Precision production, craft, and repair occupations, 12 percent. Fifty-eight percent of the people in the employed labor force were Private wage and salary workers; 25 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 16 percent were Self-employed.

Employment by Industry in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

TRAVEL TO WORK: Sixty-eight percent of Starr - Zapata workers drove to work alone in 1999 and 19 percent car- or van-pooled. On average it took them 19 minutes to get to work.

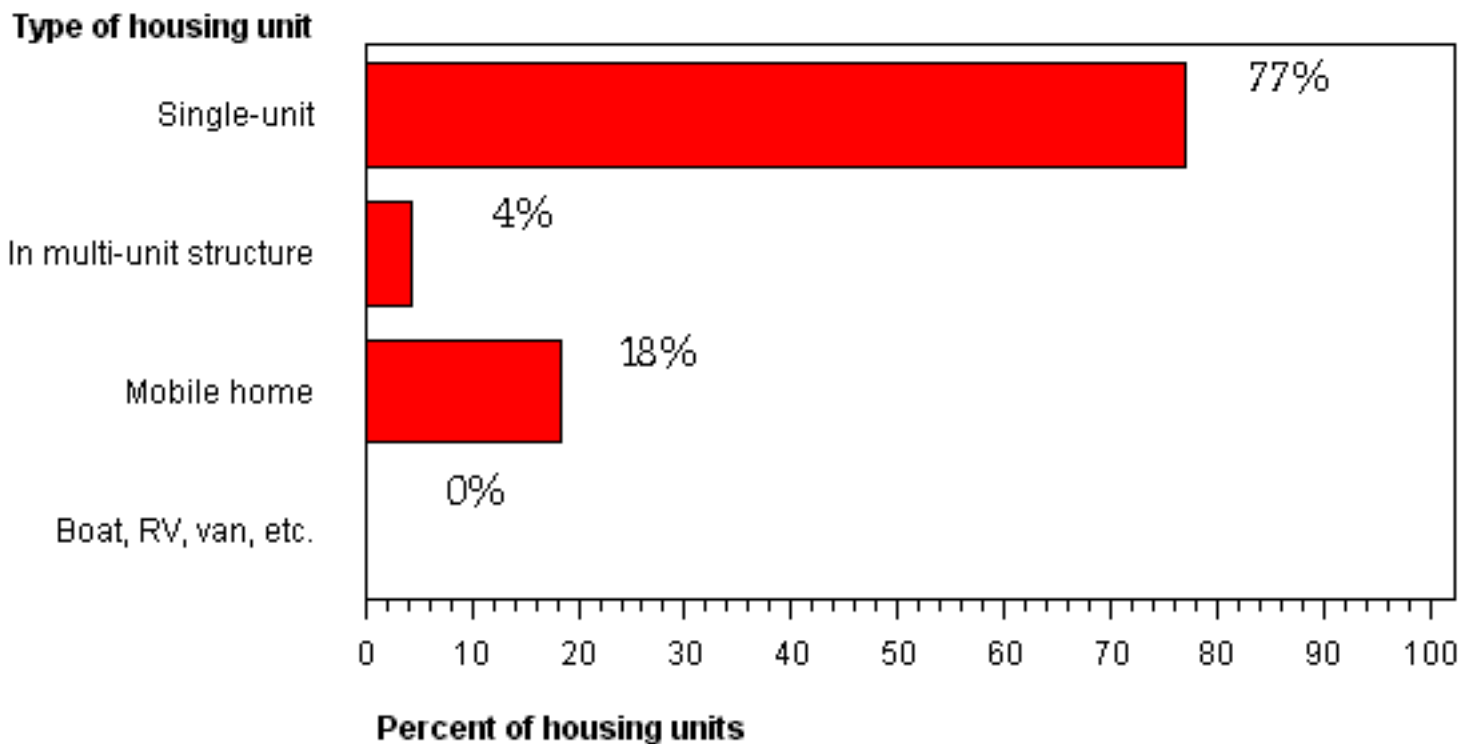
INCOME: The median income of households in Starr - Zapata was \$15,692. Eighty-two percent of the households received earnings and 11 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 1999, 48 percent of all families had incomes below the poverty level, compared with 58 percent of families with a female householder and no spouse present.

Sixty-six percent of the households in Starr - Zapata received means-tested public assistance or noncash benefits. Twenty-seven percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$8,180.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 1999, Starr - Zapata had a total of 23,966 housing units. Housing in Starr - Zapata was spread among 18,483 single-family homes (detached or attached), 4,422 mobile homes, and 1,061 units in multi-unit structures.

The Types of Housing Units in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



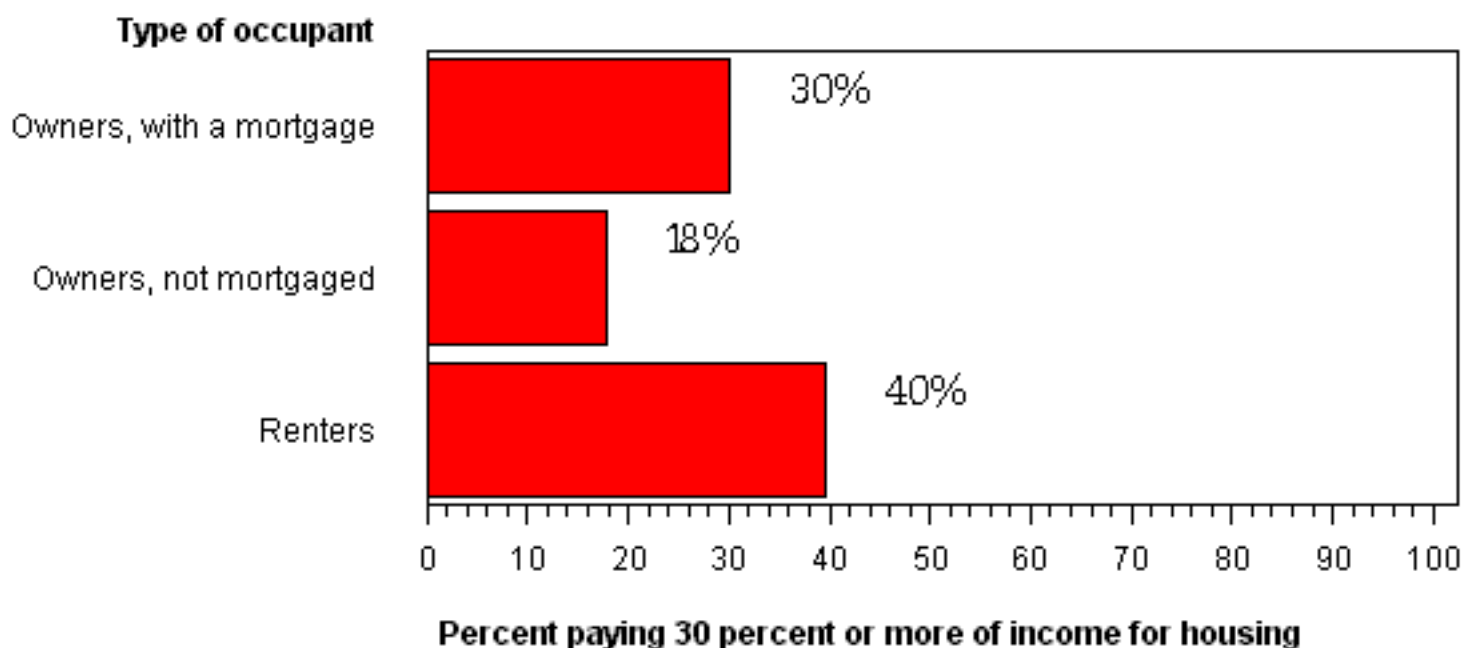
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In 1999, 21 percent of the housing units in Starr - Zapata were vacant. Thirty-three percent of the vacant units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Twenty-seven percent of the housing units were built since 1990. Ninety-six percent of Starr - Zapata housing units had complete plumbing and 97 percent had complete kitchen facilities.

CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPANTS: The occupied units consisted of 15,481 that were owned by residents and 3,380 that were rented. Eleven percent of the households occupying these units reported not having telephone service in their home and 14 percent did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Thirty percent had two vehicles and another 13 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: Forty-five percent of owners with mortgages in Starr - Zapata spent less than 20 percent of their household income on housing; 30 percent spent 30 percent or more on housing. Among renters, 29 percent spent less than 20 percent of their household income on rent and 40 percent spent 30 percent or more on rent. The median gross rent was \$310 per month.

Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Starr - Zapata, Texas in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999